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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6612

BILL NUMBER: HB 1073

DATE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Juvenile Law Commission.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		18,000	
Net Increase (Decrease)		(18,000)	

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

(A) It provides that the minimum waiting period before a divorce becomes final is 120 days if there is a child of the marriage who is less than 17 years of age and neither party alleges that the other party has committed domestic violence.

(B) It establishes the Commission on Juvenile Law to recommend changes in juvenile law by January 1, 2003, and appropriates \$18,000 to fund the Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Provision B: The Commission on Juvenile Law would be composed of 23 members including, but not limited to, legislators, juvenile court judges, prosecuting attorneys, court-appointed special advocates, representatives of local law enforcement agencies, probation departments, county councils, county commissions, schools, and not-for-profit organizations that address delinquency and juvenile justice issues.

Two state agencies would provide staff support. The Criminal Justice Institute would staff the Commission and provide administrative support, and the Legislative Services Agency would provide support for bill drafting and fiscal analysis upon request of a legislative member of the Commission. The Commission would

recommend changes by January 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Provision A would delay the final disposition of a marriage dissolution under certain conditions. While no published studies have been found, the Allen Circuit Court estimates that about half of marriage dissolutions filed during a six-month period involve children 17 years of age or younger. About 2% of these cases involve some allegation of domestic abuse. This provision would likely have no fiscal impact on case processing.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency; Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts with jurisdiction over marriage dissolutions.

Information Sources: Magistrate Thomas J. Felts, Allen Circuit Court.